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REMARKS

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1. On 2 January 1954, no aircraft were observed at Parchim airfield. The billeting area at the northern edge of the field could not be seen. The restricted area along Dammer Weg southeast of the field apparently was occupied to capacity, as smoke was observed to be rising from all buildings. Two Soviet women wearing air force uniforms passed through the gate which was guarded by air force sentries. Truck occupied by three air force officers, entered the restricted area, coming from the airfield.

2. Between 50 and 60 workers were engaged in excavation work along the southeastern edge of the landing field. Earth was being carried by a dredger to lorries and subsequently was hauled to a site near the eastern end of the runway where an embankment was being raised.

3. six individual fuel dumps, each with 4 or 5 containers surrounded by a concrete wall, 50 cm thick and about 1 meter high. The upper edge of the wall was in line with the tops of the containers. The individual dumps were not covered on top. Six to eight individual containers, each about 4 meters long and 2 meters in diameter, lay on the ground.¹

4. Along the Parchim-Damm road was a firing range which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Source observed for the first time a radio installation, with one mast, in the training field area by the runway extension, about 600 meters from the road. The mast was 15 to 20 meters high. About 10 meters from this mast was a temporary building about 20 meters long.²

1. Comment. Construction work at Parchim airfield is apparently nearing completion.

assumption that Parchim airfield will be occupied by a fighter regiment from Puetnitz, probably the Soviet training regiment for VPL, now designated Aeroclub, which had formerly been stationed there.

2. Comment. The radio installation reported is believed to be the newly erected inner low frequency beacon.

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